



SHOREHAM CASTS FIRST DRY VOTE

And Elects Five Women to Town Offices

First Time Since Local Option Law Was Passed That Place Has Voted "No"

Shoreham has a remarkable record as a result of her town meeting on Tuesday. Although it was not a liquor-selling town last year, because no one wanted to pay the price for a license the town had been in the "wet" column ever since the present local option law went into effect. The temperance workers are now jubilant over the fact that Tuesday's vote was against license, 54 to 15.

It is largely credited to the women's vote, and it is also interesting that Shoreham is probably the banner town in Addison County in recognizing women, not only for suffrage, but for public office, for no less than five women were elected at Tuesday's meeting—a town clerk, two school directors, and two library trustees.

Much was made of the patriotic side of the town meeting program, and the \$30 needed for the town's share toward the State Public Safety Committee's fund was raised on the spot. D. F. McCauley spoke on his recent visit to Camp Devens and Winslow Clark made a patriotic address.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: those names in black-faced type being newly chosen, those marked (*) re-elected, and those marked (**) being hold-over terms.

Moderator—R. H. Holmes (for 14th term).

Town Clerk—Mrs. Florence Howard Witherell, succeeding C. W. Howard deceased.

Treasurer—P. W. Waite. Selectmen—J. L. Birchard, *S. F. Lapham, **C. N. North.

Constable—*E. A. Birchard. Listers—*A. M. Farnham, **L. H. Tottingham, *H. R. Church.

Road Commissioner—J. A. Baldwin. School Directors—Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Richard Heitman, *E. H. Moore, (the women elected succeeded J. L. DeWitt and R. M. Osborne).

Agent—F. E. Platt. Overseer—*S. R. Cook.

Town Grand Jurors—J. C. Moore, Jonas A. Birchard.

Library Trustees—Mrs. H. R. Preble and Mrs. C. L. Delano.

Tax voted—\$2.00.

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CORNWALL EXEMPTS SOLDIERS

Town Will Not Require Poll Tax From Any Man In Service

Patriotic exercises constituted a feature of the Cornwall town meeting, as there was but little to excite or interest in political issues, the only new officers elected being P. S. DeLong as selectman, J. E. Sperry as road commissioner, and I. L. Hamilton as auditor.

The patriotic appeal prepared by Governor Graham was read by the Rev. Christopher Hamlin, and remarks were made by others, while Mrs. C. H. Lane, regent of the local D. A. R. chapter presented in its behalf the "Community Service Flag" with its sixteen stars.

The elections of the day were as follows: those marked (*) being re-elected; those marked (**) being hold-over terms, and those in black-faced type, newly chosen men.

*Nelson Maheu, C. W. Otis. Tax rate voted—\$1.75.

License vote—Yes 4, No 65. The town voted to exempt from poll tax any man in war service.

Moderator—*Frank Warner. Clerk—*C. H. Lane.

Treasurer—*H. S. Cobb. Selectmen—*F. C. Morse, **C. P. Conlon, F. S. DeLong, succeeding J. W. Stevens.

Constable—*Nelson Maheu. Listers—*J. H. Atwood, **C. F. Benedict, **C. P. Tully.

Road Commissioner—J. E. Sperry, succeeding L. V. Fisher.

School Directors—*R. A. Bingham, **J. H. Atwood, **B. I. Boardman.

Agent—*F. E. Foote. Overseer—*E. H. Peet.

Town Grand Jurors—*H. E. Sanford, *Nelson Maheu, C. W. Otis.

Auditors—*A. J. Field, I. L. Hamilton. *A. W. Foote.

Trustee Surplus Fund—*H. S. Cobb. Library Trustee—*A. W. Foote.

Tax rate voted—\$1.75. For permanent highways the meeting voted \$500 to obtain state aid.

License vote—Yes 4, No 65. Number of women voting, about 15.

RED CROSS APPEAL

The local Red Cross is in urgent need of more workers on gauze dressings. The need for knitted articles will be less and that for dressings greater, as spring comes and we are most anxious to speed up our output of dressings. The rooms are open Monday and Thursday afternoons and Monday evenings. Every one who wants to do something to help the boys in France are urged to come and work.

Jessie Louise Noble, President.

WOMEN VOTE FOR THE WET CITY?

Such is Belief of Some in Old Vergennes

Most of City's Officers Re-elected With Exception of Few Aldermen

Notwithstanding that about 180 women cast their ballots on the license question in Vergennes last Tuesday, the margin of 23 votes by which the ancient city went "wet" last year was not wiped out. On the contrary, the city again went "wet" by a majority of 8.

As narrow as this escape was for the license camp, it will forever be an unsolved mystery how 180 women's ballots could have been cast without over-coming the license advocates among men. The only answer men give is the belief that many Vergennes women voted for license. One of the best informed no-license men in the city said he could figure it no other way than that some if not many of the women had voted for the sale of liquor. He believed if the women had not voted, the city would have gone "dry."

The whole vote cast was 452, as compared with 249 last year. The vote on the license issue this year was Yes 230, No 222, as compared with last year's record of Yes 186, No 163.

With Shoreham gone "dry," Vergennes will have the unenviable distinction of being the only "wet" place in the county, and with Shelburne, and Winooski it may compete for the liquor business that has been cast out of Burlington.

There were but few changes made in the election of city officers at Tuesday's meeting. The names in black-faced type in the following list were the only new ones chosen, those marked (*) were re-elected, and those marked (**) are hold-over terms.

Mayor—*W. W. Bristol. City Clerk—*G. W. Stone.

Treasurer—*C. H. Cole. Aldermen—*J. H. Danigneault, F. W. Flagg, *W. F. Kellogg, *W. S. Bristol.

Constable—*N. J. McCuen. Listers—*G. E. Stone, **D. E. Ryan, **G. D. Middlebrook.

Road Commissioner—*J. M. Alden. City Grand Jurors—*G. W. Stone, C. H. Caisse, A. B. Taber.

Chief of Police—*E. J. Bodette. Water Commissioner—*E. N. Gee. City Attorney—*G. W. Stone.

Auditors—*J. F. Maldon, **J. W. Ryan, **G. W. Casev.

The only close contest for office was between E. N. Gee and W. E. Larrow, in which the former won re-election as water commissioner by eleven votes.

The city voted \$1,000 for permanent highways, and turned down the proposition of oiling the streets. A sinking fund for the pump house project was established by assessing a tax of ten per cent of the Grand List until the same is paid off. The city voted to pay off at least \$1,000 of its floating debt. No money was appropriated for Memorial Day, it appearing that ample funds were available from other sources.

The voters left the question of salaries of city officers to be determined by the City Council and also delegated to that body the power and authority to assess all taxes necessary for the expenditures of the city during the ensuing year.

ROOM IN VERMONT REGIMENT

Captain Gibson Will Do Recruiting Here Next Week

The Register is requested to announce that Captain E. W. Gibson of the 57th Pioneer Inf. (1st Vt. Inf.) will visit Brandon, Middlebury and Vergennes next week in the interests of the Vermont regiment.

"I will be in Brandon Monday afternoon and Tuesday forenoon," says Captain Gibson, "in Middlebury Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, and in Vergennes Thursday and Friday. I would like to get in touch with all men out of draft age who would like to enlist. A determined effort is to be made to fill up the Vermont regiment with Vermont men."

Leicester Elections

Moderator, Carl Williams; town clerk, F. H. Seymour; treasurer, F. H. Seymour; selectmen, T. F. Wilson, H. D. Oliver, F. C. Ayer; constable, M. N. Dudley; listers, S. E. Sparks, L. O. Hathaway, re-elected for three years, G. W. Johnson; road commissioner, L. O. Hathaway, succeeds O. S. Briggs; school directors, D. W. Ayer, C. W. Johnson, R. M. Oliver; agent, S. E. Sparks succeeds O. F. Briggs; overseer, S. E. Sparks; town grand juror, Audas Ferson; auditor, Forest Ayers. Tax voted \$2.20.

Salisbury Elections

Moderator, F. C. Dyer; town clerk, W. F. Waterhouse; treasurer, W. F. Waterhouse; selectmen, George Galvin, H. L. Morgan, George L. Whitney; constable, P. S. Field; listers, P. S. Field, Frank Persons, Frank Nelson; road commissioners, C. W. Everts, Joseph Supernois; school directors, Mary E. Hamilton, W. H. Dyer, A. D. Beach; agent, E. L. Kelley; overseer, John Pittridge; town grand juror, C. A. Bump.

Lincoln Elections

Moderator, L. E. Jackson; clerk and treasurer, M. B. Gove; selectmen, C. O. Purinton, Howard Grant; L. E. Jackson; listers, Frank Baslow, Chas. W. Sweet, Geo. C. Dearborn; overseer of poor, J. L. Bean; school directors, A. E. Briggs, Myrtle L. Garland, D. G. Alger; road commissioner, M. C. Tierney; collector, S. N. Atkins.

BRISTOL INSISTS ON HAVING A BAND

Even Though it Means Tax of \$2.25 This Year

Hanks is Elected Selectman—Thomas School Director, Martin, Lister

Says the Bristol Herald of its Town Meeting: "This important event came off Tuesday, with less than 250 of the 742 persons on the check list present. Included in these were thirty one ladies who exercised their privilege as voters. In the balcony a large delegation of pupils from the high add graded school watched the proceedings."

Conspicuous for its absence was the annual smoke fest. As this was the first town meeting where women taxpayers had a right to vote, the absence of cigar smoke marked an innovation that was very pleasing.

Bristol decided not to go without music this year and appropriated \$300 of the town funds to support its band, while Middlebury was laying the question of the support of its band on the table. Bristol also appropriated \$50 for prizes for agricultural products to be given by Bristol children this year, \$500 for the free library, and \$75 for memorial day; and \$300 for resurfacing the highways. The tax voted was \$2.25, an increase of 25 cents over last year.

About 200 persons attended the meeting, including 31 women.

The officers elected were as follows, those newly chosen being in black-faced type, those re-elected marked (*), those whose term of office holds over for at least another year marked (**):

Moderator—*R. S. Smith. Treasurer—*W. M. Farr.

Selectmen—*W. H. Cardell, *A. F. Gove, C. A. Hanks, succeeding B. C. Fuller.

Constable—*G. W. Farr. Listers—*Almon Norton, *W. C. Bingham, R. C. Martin, succeeding C. E. Gove.

Road Commissioner—*Walter Barnard.

School Directors—*E. W. Varney, *A. E. Bristol, T. M. Thomas, succeeding Dr. A. M. Norton.

Agent—*G. W. Farr, succeeding G. E. Lathrop.

Overseer—*O. O. Bicknell. Town Grand Jurors—*B. W. Estey, E. H. Eastman, succeeding M. C. Taft.

Library Trustees—*C. R. Beeman, *Mrs. G. W. Sneed.

Auditors—*R. C. Trudo, *Henry Harvey, *W. B. Daggett.

Agent to deed real estate—*W. C. Bingham.

BRIDPORT HAS QUIET MEETING

Stands "Pat" on Most of Its Town Officers—and Says Dry

With the exception of the patriotic program, which was carried out in Bridport as elsewhere on Town Meeting Day, the meeting was routine and the principal town officers were re-elected. The officers for the ensuing year as follows, those marked (*) being re-elected, those marked (**) being hold-over terms, and those in black-faced type newly chosen names.

Moderator—*J. C. S. Hamilton. Town Clerk—*J. H. Howe.

Treasurer—*D. H. Bennett. Selectmen—*J. S. Dukett, **E. Z. Myrick, **H. W. Huestis.

Constables—*E. D. Norton, *J. G. Petty.

Listers—**F. R. Harris, **O. M. Sherbino, C. J. Barbour, to succeed T. W. Grandey.

Road Commissioner—*G. D. Payne. School Directors—**O. M. Sherbino, **C. C. Smith, J. S. Dukett to succeed Edward Nichols.

Agent—*G. R. Walker. Overseer—(Selectmen to act in this capacity).

Town Grand Jurors—O. E. Converse, C. L. Parish, J. N. Spaulding, to succeed G. F. Sollace, C. A. Pratt and C. A. Wolcott.

Auditors—*R. L. Hemenway, **C. L. Parrish, **C. H. Smith.

Trustee U. S. Surplus Fund—*C. H. Smith.

Trustee Paris Fletcher Village Cemetery Fund—*T. Wolcott.

Trustee P. B. Smith Pine Hill and Town Line Cemetery Fund—*C. H. Smith.

Trustee S. F. Reynolds Village Cemetery Fund—*C. H. Smith.

Sexton Village Cemetery—George Conn, to succeed E. D. Norton.

Sexton Town Line Cemetery—*Herman Smith.

Sexton Pine Hill Cemetery—*J. G. Sunderland.

Library Trustees for five years—Mrs. J. S. Dukett, **Mrs. Frank E. Townner, **Mrs. Cyrus Smith, **Mrs. C. J. Barbour, **Mrs. E. G. Frost.

Voted \$50 for Public Library. Voted \$160 on Grand List. License—Yes, 18; No 56.

Ripton Elections

Moderator—J. F. Stoddard, succeeding J. E. Hodges.

Town Clerk—*Timothy Billings. Treasurer—*Timothy Billings.

Selectmen—*C. L. Cook, *J. E. Goodro, J. F. Stoddard, succeeding D. C. Bent.

Constable—*M. E. Day. Listers—**D. C. Mills, **H. E. Day, W. E. Gee, succeeding I. L. Dow.

Road Commissioner—*F. L. Eubar. School Directors—*G. E. Farr, *J. E. Hodges, *W. C. Kirby, succeeding J. C. Caswell.

Agent—*J. S. Chandler. Overseer—*D. G. Mills, succeeding A. W. Noble (by one vote).

Town Grand Jurors—*C. P. Boynton, *G. E. Farr, J. E. Goodro, succeeding M. E. Day.

Tree Warden—*J. E. Hodges. Auditors—*H. R. Noble, **John Otis, **C. P. Boynton.

License Vote in Addison County

	1917		1918	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Addison	24	58	19	79
Bridport	35	57	18	56
Bristol	95	164	57	175
Cornwall	3	37	4	65
Ferriaburg	21	115	9	67
Goshen	11	15	7	28
Granville	6	16	—	—
Hancock	2	19	1	17
Leicester	4	20	5	16
Lincoln	16	62	30	71
Middlebury	171	210	82	224
Monkton	11	51	7	60
New Haven	23	37	13	30
Orwell	48	88	17	62
Panton	2	17	10	49
Ripton	12	25	16	43
Salisbury	10	65	0	70
Shoreham	59	34	15	54
Starksboro	37	50	—	—
Vergennes	186	163	230	222
Waltham	6	24	2	27
Weybridge	10	41	0	42
Whiting	13	48	1	35

Orwell Elections

Moderator, C. B. Cook; town clerk, L. F. Lillie; school directors, G. L. Smith; lister, E. O. Bishop; selectman, J. E. Conway; road commissioner, D. A. Ladue; overseer of poor, Dan Cain; trustee of public money, D. L. Wells; town treasurer, D. L. Wells; auditor, Guy M. Cook; grand jurors, W. A. Jennings, J. E. Conway, and R. S. Hall; 1st constable, A. C. Plue; 2nd constable, T. H. Purcell; town agent, A. R. Bush.

Weybridge Elections

Moderator, C. S. James; town clerk, H. L. Thompson; treasurer, G. E. Child; selectmen, R. L. Shaw, J. A. James, C. R. Brittell; constable, L. B. Whitman; listers, S. B. Hobbs, B. O. Wales, T. F. Dewey; road commissioner, J. W. Doolin; school directors, C. M. Baker, A. J. Thompson, C. L. Jewett; agent, E. E. Cowles; overseer, C. M. Baker; town grand juror, G. W. Sturtevant.

New Haven Elections

Moderator, D. A. Rolletau; town clerk, C. S. Dana; treasurer, G. C. Everest; selectmen, G. E. Flint, M. C. Peck, N. F. Mitchell; constable, F. E. Rowley; listers, F. L. Eastman, C. A. Sprigg, S. E. Langdon; road commissioner, James Davis; school directors, R. D. Landon, R. W. Shedd, R. H. Potter; superintendent, M. H. Daniels; agent, Ira Everest; overseer, George Palmer; town grand jurors, Warren Peck, E. G. Hunt.

Whiting Elections

Moderator, H. R. Wells; town clerk, S. J. Kelsey; treasurer, A. C. Wooster; selectmen, Frank Rawson, C. L. Needham, J. B. Daniels; constable, H. T. Taylor; listers, F. C. Rawson, E. W. Baker, E. S. Wooster; road commissioner, W. R. Senn; school directors, H. R. Wells, A. G. Freegard; C. R. Brown; agent, E. A. Baldwin; overseer, W. H. Baldwin; town grand jurors, E. A. Baldwin, E. R. Patnode.

FEW CHANGES IN OFFICERS HERE

N. C. Fenn is Selectman and Dewey on School Board

69 Women Voters Here on License—Biggest "No" Verdict in Years

As Mr. Dooley says, town meeting is no longer a festival marked "For gentlemen only." For the first time in history women invaded the sacred precinct of the little canvas-covered voting booth at the Middlebury Town Hall last Tuesday, and with an air of novelty and responsibility cast their scraps of paper, Yes or No, on the liquor question. At three o'clock in the afternoon, when the pie was opened, it was found that although the women had worked no change in the result as it had stood for the past ten years in the hands of men alone, they had made the "no" vote more emphatic than it had ever been before. The count was: Yes 82, No 221, a majority of 144 against license. Out of 281 women entitled to vote, sixty nine did so, according to official count, and still the "no" vote this year was only 14 more than last year, it being apparent that a number of men who voted "yes" last year, were on the other side last Tuesday.

The only other issue in which the women took active part was the question of support of the public library, to which some opposition arose on account of the necessity of economy. John A. Fletcher had moved in favor of appropriating the usual 3 1/2 per cent of the grand list for support of the library in co-operation with the Ladies' Library Association, but Ira H. LaFleur raised the issue whether this expense was warranted this year. A ballot was demanded and resulted 95 to 85 in favor of continued support of the library.

In the main the meeting was routine, James B. Donoway and J. M. Burke were re-elected moderator and clerk with dispatch and without opposition at the opening of the meeting. On motion of Edward Seymour \$125 was appropriated for Memorial Day.

The question of appropriating money for permanent road work in order to assure state aid was nearly lost. Upon presentation of the case by W. N. Gady, however, the motion to lay the matter on the table was reconsidered and the usual \$1,000 was appropriated.

Support of the Middlebury band had no champion, and the article proposing town aid was laid on the table.

At this juncture of the program, business was suspended to observe the patriotic hour which had been suggested by Governor Graham's proclamation. Representative Ira H. LaFleur read a stirring appeal from the Committee of Public Safety "The Hun

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